below the right ribs, aggravated by lying on the right sids, look out! As sure as fate, your liver is disordered. Perhaps not seriously as yet, but—fatal hepatic abacesses are not uspectured. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the precise remedy to regulate the liver, and prevent its congestion and inflammation, and to disperse such minor indicis of its derangement as yellowness of the skin and ball of the eye, furred tongue, sourness of the breath, nauses en rising in the morning, divriness, sick head-sche and constipation. By relaxing the howels painlessly, it opens a channel of exit for the superfluous bile, checks a tendency to congestion and engorgement of the liver, at the same time giving a gentle impetus to its secretive action, and affords relief to the stomach, which is usually inactive, out of order and oppressed with wind when the bowels are costive. Use the Bitters also in fever and ague, rheumatism and kidney troubles.

SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

In 1893 5,500,000 persons in this country had life insurance policies. The Mississippi and its tributaries

have 12,854 miles of navigable water. On the Arabian coast the pear! fishery produces an annual sum a little short of \$1,750,000.

A stepladder which, when not in ase, may be readily folded up and kept in a small box, is a new inven-

The Yale college foot ball team pulled in nearly \$17,000 profits last year, several times more than the income of all the scholarships at that institution

The growth of the Argentine Repub-He in the past thirty-five years has been remarkable. According to recent statistics the population is now 4,000,-000, as against 1,350,000 in 1861.

The new city directory of Baltimore indicates an increase of 36,000 in the population of the city during the past year, due largely to the growth of manufacturing interests in the city and suburba

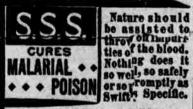
Captain Molard, a professor of St. Cyr, who ought to be good authority. has made a careful calculation of the force of soldiers now under call in Europe. He puts France at the head, with 2,500,000; next, Russia, with 2,451,000; close upon her Germany, with 2,417,000; then after a long interval, Italy, with 1,514,000; while fifth among the armies comes that of Austria-Hungary, with 1,050,000. A great drop brings us to Turkey, with 700,000; to England, with 242,000, and to Spain, with 300,000. The lesser powers put together can muster 1,289,000, so that he aggregate would be 12,563,000.

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Nonzense Sometimes Heard Proceeding From This Wisest Bird.

Over twenty years ago, traveling on foot through a rough section in the eastern part of Missouri, I found myself toward sunset in a solid German settlement. They almost without exception keep cross dogs-usu-ally bull-dogs of savage ferocity, often dangerous for their owners if approached after being loosened from their chains at nightfall. For this reason it was hazardous to travel after sunset, so I began an hour before sundown to find a lodging place for the night, but the Germans either could not or would not understand me. The shades of night were gathering when I saw with pleasure the light of a camp-fire shining on two white-covered emigrant wagons in the woods down below the road I was traveling. They proved to be Americans, and when I told them how I was situated they gave me a friendly welcome, and we passed a pleasant evening by that camp-fire.

After we retired to rest, and perfect quiet reigned in the camp, there arose on the still night air the most hideous, diabolical laughter that ever greeted the ears of mortal man. The boy lying beside me made a fair imitation of the sound. "What is it?" I asked. "That," said the father, "is a laughing owl; the boy is mocking it in his sleep.'

Some time after, still prospecting in Missouri, I reached, after dark, a ferry-house, and which was also a tavern, on the Osage river, in a thinly populated district. The house was filled with mulattoes and negroes of all shades, from that of a new saddle to a pot black. The ferryman was preparing for spring work on his farm, so there was no room for me.

Two negroes rowed me across the river, and going up the bank I soon found by the starlight a road which I followed but a short distance, when my way was barred by a fence. As I hoped to strike the road again at another point, I turned off into an apparently new road in the woods, but soon in the darkness lost my landmark, the fence, and my way, too.

To stay in the woods on a very cool April night was not desirable, so I listened earnestly for some sound of a human habitation; as the crowing of a cock or barking of a dog, that would lead me to a house. Standing there in that impressive silence of the woods at night, there came at length a welcome sound, a low laugh as from a distance, from some negro hut, perhaps, but better to sit up at night, even in a negro shanty, than to stumble around in the darkness in the strange depths of the Osage woods. I started in the direction, traveled some distance and listened again for the sound, when suddenly, right overhead, arose that unearthly,

blood curdling, fiendish laughter. "German furious maniac and looked on his glaring, bloodshot eyes, lips flecked with foam, face of a cadaverous hue, and heard his forced, soulless laughter until it seemed as if more in contact with some hideous demon than a man; yet to me that night that horrid laughter of the laughing owl was a greater strain on the nerves than the

demoniac laughter of the maniac. However, the laughing owl had done me a good turn in bringing me back to the road again, for his voice was the low laughter in the distance I first heard, says the Kansas City Times. I climbed over the fence, followed the road about a mile, roused up the inmates of a farm-house, and was comfortably lodged.

I have examined works on natural history, but cannot find any description or picture of the laughing owl. As I never saw him, he exists in memory and my imagination only as some imp of darkness.

Bescued His Pursuer.

Here is a true story from Germany that reads like a romance. A man was arrested by a policeman at Kelhelm and was walking quietly along with his captor beside the Dunube when suddenly he jumped into the water. The weather had been very severe, and there were great blocks of floating ice stretching across the stream. Springing from block to block, the prisoner succeeded in gaining the opposite bank, followed at a distance by the officer. But the policeman was less nimble and fell into the swift river. Here was a nice question: Ought a man who was under arrest to stand by and see a fellow-creature, and even a police-man, drown, or ought he to risk his own life to save him, with the prospects of jail afterward? To the credit of human nature, the prisoner did not hesitate a moment. He plunged in and brought the police-man safely to dry land. Then it was the turn of the policeman to be gen-erous. He offered to speak to the proper authorities and get a lifesaving medal for his preserver. The latter, however, did not see the matter quite in the same light. He claimed his liberty, and the other one agreed that he had carned it and, giving him a couple of marks for himself, dismissed him with a blessing. So the fellow got away. --

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PROPER NAMES.

Among other houses destroyed by the recent landslide at Sandgate, Eng., was one in which John B. Gough was

J. G. Brown, the artist, who makes newsboy and bootblack studies for pictures, is the father of nineteen children.

When the empress of Austria travels about incognito she usually calls herself either "Madam Nicholson" or plain "Miss Simpson."

Miss Mary L. Hammond of Nashua, N. H., has completed the thirtieth year of her continuous service as a teacher in one building and room.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has written to a Philadelphia man a letter in a chirography so nest and legible that it might have been the work of a young bank clerk rather than an octogenarian poet.

Professor Elisha Gray was once a blacksmith's apprentice and has a rusty wrought-iron fire-shovel kept in the corner of his library to prove it. He pounded the shovel into shape on an Ohio anvil early in the fifties.

"Personally, I congratulate you on your promotion," said Mr. Lincoln to an Austrian minister who had called to notify him that he had been raised to the rank of ambassador, "but it makes no difference to us; we are glad to see you, whatever they call you."

Darius and Cyrus Cobb, twin brothers of Boston, who are 59 years old, look so much alike that their own children often mistake them. They married sisters. Darius is a sculptor and Cyrus is a painter. William once styled them "Serious" and "Delirious.

Justice Lamar and Susan B. Anthony were warm friends. The justice was in the habit of introducing her to his friends in this fashion: "Now you must meet Miss Susan B. Anthony. You will find her one of the most perfect gentlemen in the world." Miss Anthony regarded this as a compliment.

Rosa Bonheur, of whom Henry Bacon remarked that she began by painting rabbits and ascended in the scale until she painted the horse, which Leonardo da Vinci considered the noblest model that an artist can copy, after man, has celebrated her seventy-first birthday. She still, wields

What is regarded as "absolutely the last" letter penned by George Washington was sold in Philadelphia lately for \$850. The purchaser was the His-George W. Childs his what was long supposed to be the last letter written by the father of his country, as it was composed six days before his death. but the letter sold the other day was written only twenty-four hours before General Washington's decease. It is dated "Mount Vernon, 13th Dec'r, 1799," and gives very unromantic directions about matters connected with the management of his farm.

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Whis'lin' Monday is the Monday for lowing Whit Sunday, and with the colored people of the South is a holiday. They firmly believe that the name is derived not from Whiteuntide, but from the participle, "whistling," and on Whis'lin' Monday the idle negro whistles.

In the Sixteenth century there was s curious enactment in England whereby street hawkers were forbidden to sell plums and apples, for the reason that servants and apprentices were unable to resist the sight of them, and were consequently tempted to steal their employer's money in order to enjoy the costly delicacies.

A woman without arms has been married at Christ church, New Zealand. The ring was placed upon the fourth toe of her left foot. A similar marriage to this was performed at St. James' church, Bury St. Edmund's in 1832. The ring was placed on one of the bride's toes, between which she grasped a pen and signed the marriage register.

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